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Subject: notes from conference call on sulfolane

Hi Brandon,

As I am writing this, I am trying to finish up my comments on the second ATSDR sulfolane health consultation. I hope to send it off tomorrow.

I am attaching the notes that were taken by a consultant to ADEC that was on the conference call Feb 4. I'm not sure how helpful they will be to you, and we can still talk about what the status is when we can talk. The main thing is that EPA STSC doesn't feel it can develop an oral PPRTV because of lack of information about dosing in the Zhu study, while ATSDR did not feel constrained by this. On the other hand, EPA STSC is developing an inhalation PPRTV based on another study, but since sulfolane is not highly volatile, the inhalation pathway probably won't contribute a lot to the overall use of contaminated groundwater as a drinking water and showering resource.

The agencies and the state agreed to try to find out more information from the Zhu study authors (the study was translated from Chinese) that would enable EPA STSC to develop an oral PPRTV.

We are to have another conference call - which was very good - next month, though the date hasn't been set yet.

Marcia



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